REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's telephone call, the Applicants have amended claims 1 and 3 to clearly distinguish Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2002-196056. This prior art document was explained and distinguished in the last paragraph on page 4 of the specification of the above-identified application. Claim 10 has been cancelled.

Favorable consideration of the amended claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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